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From the Evening Poſt, May 19.

Paris, May 17.

THE Report which was ſpread ſome Time ago both at Vienna and Bruſſels, That the K. of Portugal had offered his Mediation to the Court of Vienna, for compoſing the Differences between the Powers engaged in the Treaties of Vienna and Hanover, is contradicted by Advices from Madrid, which aſſure, that the Duke de Riperda has declared to a foreign Miniſter, That the K. of Portugal has made no ſuch Offers. Beſides, Letters from Lisbon ſay, his Portugueſe Majeſty only aims at continuing Neuter. We hear the Duke of Lorain would alſo be glad to to obſerve a Neutrality, if he could have Leave.

Warſaw, May 9. There are every now and then many young Gentlemen going from this Kingdom to France, not only to ſerve in the Army of his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, but alſo to wait upon K. Staniſlaus.

London, May 19. His Majeſty went laſt Night to Kenſington to take the Air.

Great Preparations are making for celebrating the King's Birth-day. The 3 Regiments of Guards, the King's Menial Servants, are to be new-cloath'd on that Occaſion.

From the Poſt-Man, May 14.

To the Author of the Poſt-Man.

SIR,

IN one of my Walks t'other Day, I chanced to pick up the incloſed *Propoſal*; and not knowing what other Method to take, to make the Owner Maſter of it again, I commit it to your Care, to give as ſpeedy a Publication of it as poſſible; as I conceive it will not only be a general Benefit, but a very great Satisfaction to the Proprietor, to ſee his Thoughts recommended to the World in a Paper ſo univerſally approved of. I am the more zealous for the publiſhing of this, as it will prove a ſtrong Introduction to a Propoſal which I ſhall print my ſelf in a very ſhort Time. *I am, Sir, Your very humble Servant.* PHILO-PATRIÆ.

A Propoſal, to prevent the dangerous and pernicious Practice of Stock jobbing.

Whereas it is but too true an Obſervation, That ſeveral Perſons who are Ill-wiſhers to the preſent Eſtabliſhment, meet deſignedly at thoſe Times when Credit is moſt oppreſs'd, to wound it the more, by ſelling out in the publick Market, vaſt Quantities of Stock more than what they are actually poſſeſſed of; which buying again privately at convenient Opportunities, they make great Eſtates to themſelves, to the manifeſt Prejudice of the fair Dealer, and the utter Ruin of many good and induſtrious Families.

To remedy which notorious Grievances, it is humbly propoſed,

1. That a Regiſter be kept in ſome one of the noted Places for tranſacting Dealings in the Stocks, where all Perſons who deſign to ſell out their Stock for any Time exceeding 12 Hours, ſhall be obliged to regiſter the ſame, and the Quantity they intend to diſpoſe of; paying Sixpence to the Office to be appointed for that Purpoſe, for all Stock to be ſold not exceeding ten Shares, or 1000 l. and for all above that Number or Sum, One Shilling, without any other Fee whatſoever.

2. That if any Perſon ſhould offer Stock to Sale, which neither he nor his Principal have in the ſaid Books, the Buyer ſhall not only be at his Liberty to refuſe ſtanding to any ſuch Bargain; but upon proving the Seller's Offence, ſhall receive the Half of 1 *per Cent.* for the whole Stock ſo offered; the remaining Half to be forfeited to that Company, whoſe Stock he would have ſold.

3. If to this it ſhould be objected, as Credit is a Thing of the tendereſt Nature, and muſt certainly decline, if reſtrained too much, as it may otherwiſe prove fatal to raiſe it too high, (the Conſequence of both which have been ſeverely felt) That a Propoſal of this Kind, if it ſhould take place, will be judged too great a Diſcouragement to thoſe who are conſtant Agents in the Commerce of the public Funds; and thoſe Perſons whoſe Occaſions might oblige them to ſell out their Property, muſt in all Probability come to be great Sufferers:

'Tis propoſed, in the 4th place, That only ſuch Perſons who deal in Stocks, but have no Property in them; as alſo (which is a common Way of gaming) Puts and Refuſals, ſhall be obliged to regiſter

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their Contracts: Upon the Failure of which, the Contracter ſhall be at his Liberty to ſtand to or recede from his Agreement; and the Tranſgreſſor be fined 1 *per Cent.* for the Stocks ſo tranſacted, and not regiſtred, one Half to the Accuſer, and the Remainder to the Company, as above mentioned.

Thus will Credit, which 'tis allowed muſt ſtagnate when the Circulation is any ways brib'd, be rather aſſiſted than impared; the fair Dealer, tranſact his Buſineſs with the utmoſt Security, at an Expence that he can hardly feel; the villainous Stockjobber be diſcountenanced; the Government have an Opportunity of ſeeing theſe Perſons pointed out, who at the Times when Credit is moſt in Danger, give it the moſt malicious Wounds.

As Monſters of a ſavage Kind,
To humane Uſe by Stripes are tam'd;
So Stock jobbers, perverſe of Mind,
Muſt be by rig'rous Laws reclaim'd.
Tranſgreſſions, when a publick Grievance grown,
If uncorrected leſt, become our own.

From the Flying Poſt, May 19.

London, May 19. Above 180 Perſons of the Nobility, Gentry, &c. are particularly named to be Commiſſioners, or a Body corporate, for building a Bridge croſs the Thames, from Fulham in Middleſex to Putney in Surrey.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, May 19.

Leghorn, May 4. We have Advice by a French Ship from Alexandria, that the Plague is ſpread thither; That the Chaplain of the French Nation died of it in 48 Hours, and that all the French in general have been ſhut up in their Quarter, ever ſince the 26th of March laſt.

Paris, May 20. 'Tis given out, That as the D. of Bourbon was returning lately from Chantilly, he met ſome Perſons masked, who told him their wretched Condition; and that he thereupon gave them a Ring off of his Finger, to the Value of 10000 Livres. But as People talk variouſly of this Adventure, we muſt wait for Time to be better informed of it.

Bruſſels May 20. Yeſterday the Lord North and Gray ſet out hence for Aix la Chapelle. Friday laſt a young Woman about 21 or 22 Years of Age, who had ſet Fire to her Aunt's Houſe at Kempen, was publickly ſtrangled and then burnt. As her Execution laſted two entire Hours, many People had a Notion that ſhe would be pardoned by our Governeſs the Archdutcheſs, but a Pardon was not obtained for her. Mean Time the Cord breaking before ſhe was dead, the Hangman was obliged to tie her up again, which occaſioned ſuch a Clamour amongſt the Populace, that probably he would have had his Brains beat out, if he had not fled thro' the Provoſts and the Archers, with whom the Scaffold was ſurrounded.

London, May 19. Dr. Jurieu, Secretary of the Royal Society has publiſhed his Account of the Succeſs of innoculating the Small Pox for the Year 1725. The Reſult of which our Readers will not be diſpleaſed to ſee, as 'tis ſumm'd up by himſelf at the End of his Book thus, viz.

By the Account publiſhed laſt Year, the whole Number of Perſons who had then had the Small Pox by Innoculation, was 481, 10 of which had been ſuſpected to have died of Innoculation; and this Year we have three dead out of 143, that is in all 13 out of 624, or one out of 48, as we had determined the laſt Year.

The Doctor has alſo in this Pamphlet, publiſhed a Regiſter of Perſons ſickning of the Small Pox in the natural Way, and how many of them died, as communicated to him from different Places. The Foot of which Account for laſt Year ſtands thus: Sick of the Small Pox 17,151, of which died 2848.

Cargo of the Cæſar from China, viz.

	Pieces.		*Pounds.*
Bed Damasks -	250	Quickſilver -	5600
Gorgoron - -	500	Raw Silk -	3500
Poiſees - -	1500	Tea Bing -	7300
Sattins - -	250	Ditto Bohea	200,700
Taffitees - -	2000	Ditto Congou -	7200
China Ware 166 Cheſts		Ditto Pekoe -	6700
Ditto one Box		Singlo - -	136,200

Beſides ſeveral Parcels of Goods, the Particulars whereof are not yet known.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 19.

Rome, May 4. His Holineſs has ſent the Prince Electoral of Saxony the Sword he had conſecrated on Chriſtmaſs-Eve, and the Golden Roſe, likewiſe conſecrated to the Princeſs his Conſort. The Governour of this City having ſome Days ago ſent for the Duke de Segni, Son to the Duke Sforza Ceſarini, ſignified to him the Pope's Order to be confined Priſoner in the Caſtle of St. Angelo, allowing him however, to go thither by himſelf, without any of the Sbirri; which he obeyed very ſoon after, and was immediately viſited by the chief Nobility in this City. They ſay 'tis for having firſt engaged his Word to Prince Ruſpoli to marry his 2d Daughter, and afterwards entring into a Contract to marry Prince Giuſtiniani's Daughter: But the Duke de

de Ceſarini, his Father, having ſince ſhewed the aforeſaid Governor a Letter from Cardinal Coſcia, importing, That notwithſtanding his firſt Engagement, the Duke de Segni may perform the laſt Contract, beſides ſome other Reaſons in his Vindication the ſaid Duke was releaſed from his Confinement Thurſday in the Evening.

Venice, May 10. We hear from Verona, that the Count d'Harach paſs'd lately thro' there in his Way to Turin, where he goes in Quality of the Emperor's Ambaſſador. The *Great Crown*, a Firſt rate Man of War, is fitting out with all poſſible Diligence, to carry Sigr. Delfino to Conſtantinople, there to reſide in quality of Ambaſſador in Ordinary of this Republick. We continue to build in our Arſenal ſeveral Men of War, and to caſt a great Number of Cannon, among which there are two of a new Invention, which will carry Ball of 500 Pound weight. The new Convoy which is to carry Ammunition to our Fleet, is ready for ſailing.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, May 21.

Since our laſt arrived a Holland Mail.

THE Bill for more effectually preventing colluſive Seizures of Goods, enacts, That after Midſummer next, no Officer of the Cuſtoms ſhall be entitled to any Reward given on the Seizure of ſuch Goods, unleſs Notice be given to the next Officer of Exciſe where ſuch Goods are ſeized; who is to take an Account of the Species and Quantities of the ſame; and ſuch Goods ſhall not be removed without a Permit from ſuch Officer of Exciſe, under the Penalty of ſuch Goods being reſeized, as forfeited by any Officer.

And for preventing Frauds in entering Goods for Exportation, wherein there is no Drawback; It is enacted, That all Officers ſhall have Power to ſearch any Cheſt or other Package on board any Ship. and in Caſe the Officers ſhall find ſuch Goods to be of leſs in Value than is expreſs'd in the Entry, or entered under a wrong Denomination, all ſuch Goods ſhall be forfeited and loſt. That if any Goods and Merchandizes, *&c.* which pay conſiderable Duties, ſhall be ſhipped without a Warrant or preſence of an Officer, ſuch Goods ſhall be forfeited; That no Drawback ſhall be allowed for Tobacco and other Goods exported to the Iſle of Man after the 24th of June next, and that no Goods but the Growth and Manufacture of the Iſle of Man ſhall be brought from thence after the ſaid 24th June 1726 under Forfeiture of the Ship, *&c.* and every Perſon taking any Goods out of ſuch Veſſel, ſhall forfeit 100 L. or 6 Months Impriſonment; and that if any Merchant ſhall after the 24th of June next enter any Foreign Goods for Exportation to Parts beyond the Seas, other than the Iſle of Man, in order to obtain the Drawback, and ſuch Goods ſhall nevertheleſs be carried to the ſaid Iſland; in ſuch Caſe the Exporter ſhall forfeit the Drawback and treble the Value of the Goods.

The Advices from the North make no Mention of the Swedes having joined their Fleet to that of G. Britain, nor of their Acceſſion to the Treaty of Hanover. On the contrary, 'tis argued, That the K. of Sweden having no Provinces or Countries out of Europe, cannot enter into a Guarrantee for ſuch Dominions; That by the Treaty of Hanover, the Tranquillity of Europe, which is the Baſis of the ſaid Treaty, may be diſturbed on account of Commerce, particularly in relation to a Deſign formed againſt the Oſtend Company; in which his Majeſty will not be concerned, any other Way than by Mediation, to put an End to the Differences amicably. And on the other hand, his Majeſty hopes the Allies of Hanover will endeavour to do the like, in reſpect to the Reſtitution of the Dominions of the Duke of Holſtein.

'Tis aſſured, that the Spaniards have actually bought 10 Men of War of the Muſcovites, for the better convoying, as 'tis conjectured, their Fleet from the W. Indſes; but others believe it to be upon ſome other Deſign. Mean time we hear, that the Preſs gangs and other Officers belonging to the Squadron deſign'd for the Mediterranean, have Orders furthwith to repair on board their reſpective Ships, a ſufficient Number of Men having been provided.

They write from Dublin of the 4th Inſt. That a Ship has been lately ſeized at Kellabeg near Sligo, having on board a great Quantity of Gun-powder, ſeveral Cheſts of Arms, ſome Colours, Drums, *&c.* ſuſpected to be for ſome ſecret Service.

Yeſterday the Lords read the Bill relating to the forfeited Eſtates in Scotland a 1ſt Time; but deferred the 2d Reading thereof to Friday next, by reaſon of a Clauſe inſerted therein, prolonging the Time, that no Bail ſhall be taken on account of Contracts, *&c.* which their Lordſhips look upon as a Tack to a Money-Bill.

The Lord Lechmere moved for the Addreſs mentioned in our laſt; and he with the Lords Montjoy, Foley, Gower, Bathurſt, were againſt deferring the Committing of the Bill to prevent Bribery and Cor-

Corruptions in Elections of Members of Parliament, to Wedneſday next.

From the Evening Poſt, May 21.

Warſaw, May 17. The Army of Lithuania is ready to join that of the Crown upon the firſt Warning. The latter has received a Reinforcement of Troops, and is to go and encamp on the Borders of Pruſſia.

S. S. Stock, 101, 3 4ths. Annuities ditto, 94. India, 146, 3 4ths. Bank, 122. York Build. 15.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, May 21.

London, May. 21. We hear that ſix Regiments are to be levied.

The Lord Carpenter is arrived at Marſeilles, in his Way to Portmahon.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Fiſhery-Office, May 24, 1726.

The Managers of the Fiſhing Copartnery, finding that the Time appointed by the General Meeting, for making the firſt Dividend of the Stock amongſt the Adventurers, draws near; and finding that a great many of their Certificates remain yet not taken out: Do hereby give Notice to all concerned, That the Officers of the ſaid Copartnery will attend at the Burrow-room on Friday next, from 10 to 12 Forenoon, and from 2 to 4 after Noon, for giving out the ſame; and thereafter, at the ſame Place and Hours, on Monday the 30th Inſt. on Wedneſday the 1ſt, on Friday the 3d, on Monday the 6th, on Wedneſday the 8th, and on Friday the 10th of June; and thereafter at the ſaid Place and Hours, the ſaid Officers will attend for the ſame Purpoſe. After which laſt Day, the Books of Certificates will be laid aſide, and no more iſſued till the firſt Dividend is over. The ſaid Managers do likewiſe further give Notice, That all Perſons who have Certificates made out in their own Names, or who have Right to the ſame by Indorſation, may have their firſt Dividend of their Fiſhery-Stock at the Rate of 5 ſh. ſterl. per Pound, paid to them at the Burrow-room on Monday the 13th of June, from 9 to 12 aclock in the Forenoon, and from 2 till 5 aclock in the Afternoon; and on Wedneſday and Friday thereafter, at the ſame Place and Hours; and at ſuch other Time and Place as ſhall hereafter be advertiſed.

††† There is a General Meeting of the Creditors of the deceaſt Mr. Andrew Ramſay of Abbotſhall, appointed to be at Edinburgh upon Wedneſday the 8th of June next, at 3 aclock after Noon, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner: Where the Creditors or their Doers for them, are deſired punctually to attend, ſeveral Matters of Importance being to be laid before them.

‖‖‖ The Lands of EASTER-LIVILANDS, of about L. 900 yearly Rent, having a convenient little Houſe, lying in the Pariſh of St. Ninian's, near Stirling; are to be expoſed to Sale by way of Roup, by the Truſtees for Hugh Paterſon Chirurgeon in Edinburgh and his Creditors, upon Wedneſday the 8th Day of June next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon at the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Particulars of the Rental and Progreſs of the Rights, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of James Armour, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber near the Market-croſs of Edinburgh.

† There is a General Meeting of the Creditors of the deceaſt Sir David Thoirs of Raploch Advocate, appointed to be at Edinburgh upon Monday the 6th of June, at 3 aclock in the Afternoon, in John's Coffee-houſe; Where the Creditors or their Doers for them are deſired punctually to attend, ſeveral Matters of Importance being to be laid before them.

[§] That the Roup and Sale of certain EQUIVALENT DEBENTURES, to the Amount of L. 1368 ſterl. of principal, with the Intereſt due thereupon from Michaelmaſs 1724, formerly advertiſed to have been within the Parliament-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 17th of May Inſt. was adjourned to TUESDAY the 31ſt Inſtant: betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Roup and Sale of the ſaid Debentures, and Intereſt due thereon, is to proceed in the Parliament-houſe, before the Lord Pancaitland, or the Lord Ordinary on the Bills for the Time.

¶‖¶ That there is a Manufactory for PRINTING LINNENS at Gorgie, a Mile to the Weſtward of Edinburgh: Where Merchants or others may have Linnen printed in any Quantity, either Red, Blue, Purple, or any other Colour, to as great Perfection, and as cheap as any where elſe in Britain, by George Lind Merchant in Edinburgh.

Fiſhery-Office, 19 May, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale, at their Office, on TUESDAY the 31ſt Inſt. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. ſterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undreſs'd ditto at 15 ſh. each.

Utenſils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be ſet up at L. 9, 17, 8 ſterl.

Ditto for the Cod-fiſhing, as per Inventary; to be ſet up at L. 14, 1, 8.

Ditto for a Barking-houſe, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 14, 16, 4 ſterl.

The above Goods will be ſhown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Alſo there will be expoſed to public Sale at the ſaid Office, and at the ſame Hour, 88 Laſts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, to be ſold as they lie, at 14 ſh. per Laſt.

Notice is alſo hereby given, That the Managers of the Fiſhing Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fiſhertoun of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the Pariſh of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 1 1 6th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Miniſters Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houſes in Stonehaven, and Fiſh Boats in the ſaid Town, belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th Sterling. Any Perſon who intends to bid for the above Purchaſe, may ſee the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

EDINBURGH: Printed for Mr. *William Rolland*, by Mr. *Thomas Ruddiman* Sold at the Printing-houſe in Morocco's Cloſs in the Lawn-market; where Advertiſements and Subſcriptions are taken in, as alſo at the Shop of Mr. A-